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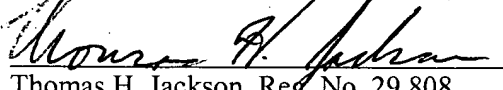
Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) which lists the references cited in the Supplementary European Search Report issued on April 11, 2008, for counterpart Appln. No. EP 04 72 4135.

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It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner, that they be made officially of record therein, and that the documents be listed on the face of any patent which may issue from this application. An Office Action on the merits has issued for this application. In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicants also attach a check which includes payment of the \$180 requisite fee (37 C.F.R §1.17(p)).

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